



*Commission Resolution 2010-08  
In Opposition to House Bill 5763*

*WHEREAS*, the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards is the duly appointed body to administer statewide law enforcement standards and training in Michigan; and,

*WHEREAS*, the House Bill 5763 has been advanced in the Michigan legislature to require audiovisual recording of statements taken from an individual who is in custodial detention for involvement in the commission of a major felony; and,

*WHEREAS*, the Commission recognizes that many law enforcement agencies are already conducting video interrogations as a best practice; and,

*WHEREAS*, House Bill 5763 would require the Commission to set quality standards for recording of audiovisual statements taken pursuant to this bill and to perform an assessment of costs that would be incurred by law enforcement agencies to purchase, upgrade or replace recording equipment on a recurring 2 year cycle; and,

*WHEREAS*, House Bill 5763 would require the Commission to administer and distribute funds appropriated by the legislature for the purchase of recording equipment to be used pursuant to the requirements of this bill by law enforcement agencies.

*WHEREAS*, the Commission fears that despite honorable intentions, House Bill 5763 would potentially produce a negative impact on the Commission's fiscal position, thereby threatening existing programs.

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* that the Commission supports video interrogation as a best practice, and declares its opposition to House Bill 5763.

*Adopted by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards on September 15, 2010.*

  
James Bosscher, Chair